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Dear Friend,

Welcome to my e-newsletter. I hope this serves as a useful and informative tool for you. If you would like to receive future periodic e-mails, please be sure to subscribe by hitting the red "Click Here" button. I also encourage you to take a minute to fill out my survey so I know what specific issues are important to you and your family.

Flooding

Over the last week, I have been very concerned about [rising floodwaters](#) along the Mississippi River. Communities in Illinois and throughout the Midwest have been devastated.

Some of you may have already experienced flooding. I am working hard to ensure our communities have the resources they need to respond to this disaster. Just yesterday, the House passed an emergency supplemental bill that included **\$2.65 billion** for Midwestern flood relief, [funds I specifically requested](#).

I also wrote a [letter to President Bush](#) asking him to support Governor Rod Blagojevich's declaration of several communities in Illinois as federal disaster areas. I joined with other members of the Illinois Congressional delegation in [calling on the Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA) to provide additional pumps, hoses, sandbags, sandbag-filling machines, and generators. And I [contacted the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard](#) asking him to be ready with extra manpower in case the flooding is severe.

Last week, I visited Quincy and Grafton to meet with city, county, and state officials to discuss flood prevention and control. I also met with the wonderful volunteers who are working so hard to keep our communities safe. These visits confirmed something I already knew—this district is filled with the most compassionate, giving, and dedicated people in the entire country.

If you need any assistance with flooding or have any questions, I encourage you to visit the following websites:

National Weather Service
<http://www.weather.gov/view/states.php?state=IL&map=on>

Ready Illinois
<http://www.ready.illinois.gov/>

IEMA
<http://www.iema.illinois.gov/>

FEMA: What to do during a flood
http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/fl_during.shtm

Red Cross: Flood Information
http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0_240_00.html

Telephone Town Hall Meeting

On Monday, June 23 at 7:00 pm, I will be holding a district-wide

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telephone town hall meeting. This new technology will allow me to call out to thousands of 17th District residents who can then participate in this open forum. Whether you have a question on gas prices, the economy, or Iraq, I invite you to join the call and share your views.

If you would like to participate, the phone number is **866-447-5149** and the PIN is **13812**. Please call at or around 7:00 pm on Monday.

As always, feel free to contact me if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,



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